





City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA:

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager 

FROM: Deborah Woldruff, AICP, Community Development Director 

SUBJECT: Accept the With Regret the Resignation of Dr. Merlin Burt from the Historical Commission; Declare a Vacancy; and, Direct the City Clerk to Post a Vacancy Notice

RECOMMENDATION

Staff and the Historical Commission recommend that the City Council accept Dr. Merlin Burt's resignation from the Commission; declare a vacancy; and, direct the City Clerk to post a vacancy notice.

BACKGROUND

On September 8, 2003, the Historical Commission accepted the resignation of Dr. Merlin Burt with regret. Dr. Burt announced to the Commission that he had accepted a teaching position with Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Due to traveling responsibilities and the moving process, Dr. Burt has not been able to submit his resignation in writing.

ANALYSIS

Dr. Burt served on the City's Historical Commission from June 1995 to the present. The September 8, 2003 meeting was his last meeting as a Commissioner. His four-year term expires in May 2006.

During his tenure as a Historical Commissioner, Dr. Burt has been a very valuable resource. His background and education are in Theology, Religion, and American Church History and Archives, which served him well in his position as the Chairperson of the Department of Archives and Special Collections and Director of the Ellen White Estate Branch Office with Loma Linda University (LLU), Del Webb Library and Heritage Room. The City and Historical Commission have benefited from the connection with the Library and Heritage Room and the

cooperative relationship with Library staff that has resulted from the connection. Dr. Burt worked very closely with City and Chamber staff to create the Path of History Walking and Driving Tour Brochures. The successful completion of both brochures largely can be attributed to his knowledge of local history and access to resources that are only available through the Del Web Library and Heritage Room. The Commission regrets losing such a knowledgeable and dedicated member as Dr. Burt and is anxious to fill his position with a qualified professional at the earliest opportunity.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The City Council's acceptance of Dr. Burt's resignation and efforts to fill the vacancy on the Historical Commission are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act or other local, state, or federal environmental laws or regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts associated with the resignation from or appointment to the City's standing commissions, committees, or boards other than those costs associated with the City Clerk advertising the position.